THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a)' and (b) Allopathic antiseptic perfumed creams, which are manufactured under a drug licence and whose retail prices are fixed under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order , 1979, are chargeable to a duty of excise at the rate of 20 per cent *ad valorem.* By a notification dated the 24th April, 1986, concessional rate of excise duty of 20 per cent *ad valorem* has also been prescribed on Ayurvedic antiseptic perfumed creams provided such creams are manufactured, under a drug licence.

(c) Yes, Sir. The Government has not found it possible to agree to the request for full duty exemption on the product.

Busting; of a Gang or Smugglers

1184. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:

SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADAWAJ:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence has recently busk ed an international gang of smugglers operating between india; Pakistan and Dubai with the arrest of 3 persons In the Capital (Delhi)' " and"- seizure of about 31 fcgs. of gold and other contraband; and

(b) if so, what are the details In this regard and the steps taken to bring all the connected links to book?

THE MINISTER OF STATETN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) The Hon'ble Member is presum-ably referring to the seizure of 31 kgs. of foreign marked gold, Indian currency and miscellaneous goods collectively valued at Rs. 1.11 crores by the Officers of Delhi Zonal Unit, Directorate of Revenue Intelligence on 19th/20th April, 1986. The facts of the case are given below:—

On 19th/20th April, 1986, the Offi cers of the Delhi Zonal Unit of the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence, in pursuance of an information, appre hended two persons, namely, Shri Raviinder Bali of Bharat Nagar, Delhi and Shri Sunil travelling on a scooter, after a hot chase near Chandni Chowk. The search of their scooter and belongings resulted in the recovery of 250 foreign marked gold biscuits of 10 tolas eacbj In the follow-up action, search of the residential premises of one Shri Satya Narain of Maliwara, Delhi, who was to receive the gold, resulted in the recovery of 10 foreign marked gold biscuits of 10 tolas each and Rs. 6.75 lakhs in Indian currency, admitted to be the sale proceeds of contraband gold. Search of the residential premises of Shri Ravinder Bali at Bharat Nagar, Delhi, resulted in the recovery of 500 kgs. of B-2 medicinal powder valued at Rs. 10 lakhs and Indian currency amounting to RS. , 29.63 lakhs, admitted to be the sale proceeds of 200 gold biscuits, from a room-sized cavity hidden behind a false wooden cupboard super-imposed on a wall. Interrogation of the persons involved revealed that Gold seized was smuggled into the country from Dubai via Pakistan for disposal at Delhi. The contraband gold, Indian currency and medicinal powder collectively valued at Rs. 1.11 crores were seized under the Customs Act, 1962.

AH the three persons involved were arrested on 19th April, 1986 and